EXHIBIT 37

DECLARATION OF SHELBY LOUIS WALL

Shelby Louis Wall declares, under penalty of perjury and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746:

- 1. My name is Shelby Louis Wall, but I go by Louis.
- 2. I am 40 years old and live in Saint Louis, Missouri. I am a Caucasian male.
- 3. I am a single parent with one child. My son lives with me and is in my SNAP household.
 - 4. I currently am not employed and have no income.
- 5. I am a full-time student at Webster University. I do receive some scholarships and grants to pursue my educational goals, but I don't have money left over to pay for food. I rely on SNAP to feed myself and my son.
- 6. I have been receiving SNAP since April 2021. In January 2022, I received \$250 in SNAP benefits.
- 7. In early January, I received a notice from DSS about my SNAP benefits. I was not sure if I needed to renew or re-apply to continue to receive benefits.
 - 8. In January, I submitted an application for SNAP.
- 9. I called the call center in late January 2022, but I was on hold for 2 hours. While on hold I was never told how long it would be before someone could speak to me or what place I was in line. I was never connected to someone, so I hung up.
- 10. I received a letter in the mail telling me I needed to complete my eligibility interview. The letter informed me that DSS would call to complete the interview and if I missed the call to call them back.
 - 11. DSS called me on February 17, 2022, but I missed the call because I was in class.

- 12. DSS left a voicemail. I stepped out of class and called them back immediately, but I was on hold for 44 minutes until the call was dropped.
- 13. I tried to call the call center two more times on February 17, 2022 but I was placed on hold and not given any estimation of how long I would have to wait on hold. I was very frustrated so I hung up.
- 14. I tried to call the call center again several more times: once on February 28, 2022; once on March 1, 2022; and seven times on March 3, 2022. Each of the nine times I called between February 28 and March 3 I was put on hold but I was not told how long it would be before someone could speak to me or where I was in the line. During these nine calls I was never connected to someone to complete my interview, so I hung up after waiting for a few minutes. Three months after submitting my application in January, I received a letter from DSS that my application was being denied because I did not complete the interview.
- 15. I felt hopeless and frustrated that I would never be able to receive SNAP benefits. I reached out to Legal Services of Eastern Missouri on May 3, 2022 for assistance.
 - 16. With their help I submitted an online SNAP application on May 17, 2022.
- 17. My interview was completed, and I started to receive SNAP benefits on May 19, 2022.
- 18. When I stopped receiving SNAP benefits in February it was really difficult to pay for food. I used up all of my previous SNAP benefits.
- 19. I had to rely on financial assistance from my girlfriend and extended family to pay for food. My girlfriend took on more credit card debt to help me pay for food.
- 20. During that time, I was stressed and anxious that I would not have enough food for my son.

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